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SUBJECT: CANADIAN COVERAGE BY SPECIALTY STEEL DECISION

REF: (A) OTTAWA 1939, (B) STATE 67771

1. AMBASSADOR DENT ASSURED CANADA ONLY THAT USG APPRECIATED TWO-WAY TRADE BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO AVOID IMPAIRMENT OF THIS RELATIONSHIP, WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF OUR OVERALL OBLIGATIONS. (SEE REFTEL B, QUOTE OVERALL OBLIGATIONS END QUOTE REFERS PRINCIPALLY TO NONDISCRIMINATION.)

2. CANADIANS WERE NEVER CONSIDERED EXEMPT FROM PRESIDENTIAL
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DECISION, NOR INFORMED THAT THEY WERE EXEMPTED. WHILE, NO

INVITATION FOR NEGOTIATION OF OMA WITH CANADA WAS ISSUED,
NO STATEMENT HAS BEEN MADE TO CANADIANS ON TYPE OF COVERAGE
CONTEMPLATED FOR THEM.

3. WE ARE NOW EXPLORING THROUGH CANADIAN EMBASSY MEANS OF
AVOIDING ADVERSE IMPACT ON U.S. SPECIALTY STEEL IMPORTS FROM
CANADA. CURRENT POSSIBILITIES INCLUDE (1) PLACING
CANADA IN RESIDUAL BASKET QUOTA CATEGORY (WITH INDIVIDUAL

QUOTAS ONLY FOR JAPAN, EC AND SWEDEN); (2) FINDING (GATT)
NONDISCRIMINATORY MEANS OF ENSURING SUFFICIENT QUOTA FOR
CANADA (1971-75 AVERAGE U.S. IMPORTS WERE 11,300 TONS); OR
(3) REACHING AN UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CANADIANS THROUGH
EXCHANGE OF LETTERS ON A MINIMUM QUOTA, WITH SOME FLEXIBI-
LITY PURSUANT TO BILATERAL CONSULTATION CLAUSE.

4. EMBASSY ASSISTANCE WELCOME IN FINDING WAYS TO ACHIEVE
OBJECTIVES OUTLINED ABOVE. KISSINGER

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